

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 30, 2017 at 3:04 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 136, 1/24/2017; SB 140, 1/24/2017; SB 141, 1/24/2017;
HB 68, 1/24/2017; HB 83, 1/19/2017

HEARING ON SB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 136, Revise laws related to legislator disclosure of payment for out of state travel.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:30 Chair Brown

00:08:55 Sen. Facey

00:09:17 Chair Brown

00:09:21 Sen. Kary

00:10:07 Sen. Facey

00:10:15 Sen. Osmundson entered the meeting.

00:11:17 Sen. Kary

00:12:06 Sen. Facey

00:12:36 Sen. Kary

00:12:50 Sen. Malek

00:13:48 Sen. Facey

00:14:01 Sen. Whitford

00:14:38 Sen. Facey

00:14:56 Sen. Whitford

00:15:21 Sen. Facey

00:16:07 Chair Brown

00:16:18 Sen. Whitford

00:16:39 Sen. Facey

00:16:59 Sen. Whitford

00:17:26 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:43 Sen. Facey

HEARING ON SB 141

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:40 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 141, Establish commission to study legislative compensation and conduct.

EXHIBIT(sts21a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:41 Chair Brown

00:31:09 Sen. Malek

00:31:39 Chair Brown

00:31:48 Sen. Malek

00:32:52 Chair Brown

00:32:56 Sen. Kary

00:33:20 Sen. Malek

00:34:00 Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.

00:34:46 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:54 Sen. Malek

HEARING ON HB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:52 Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 68, Revise university system retirement plan participation requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:25 Shawn Graham, executive director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:26 Chair Brown

00:43:55 Mr. Graham, TRS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:29 Rep. Ryan

HEARING ON HB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:14 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 83, Generally revise election laws.

EXHIBIT(sts21a02)

00:52:57 Chair Brown

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:20 Elena Evans, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

00:53:51 Kelly Lynch, deputy director and general counsel, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:55:05 Linda Stoll, lobbyist, Montana Association of Clerks and Records

00:55:36 Katy Westhoff, campus organizer, Montana Public Interest Research Group

00:56:15 Denise Williams, executive director, Montana Association of School Business Officials

00:57:02 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:26 Sen. Malek

00:59:10 Rep. Bennett

00:59:21 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:33 Rep. Bennett

01:01:35 Recess

01:07:00 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:03 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 140, Allow low-interest coal tax trust fund loans to certain local governments.

EXHIBIT(sts21a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:43 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:12:27 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist, City of Colstrip and Rosebud County

01:13:40 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties
01:14:16 Dave Galt, lobbyist, Montana Association of Oil, Gas & Coal Counties, Inc.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:14:59 David Ewer, executive director, Montana Board of Investments (BOI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:31 Sen. Whitford
01:28:24 Mr. Ewer, BOI
01:29:34 Chair Brown
01:29:46 Mr. Ewer
01:30:51 Sen. Whitford
01:31:22 Mr. Ewer
01:33:36 Sen. Whitford
01:34:02 Mr. Ewer
01:34:56 Chair Brown
01:35:35 Mr. Ewer
01:37:31 Sen. Malek
01:37:55 Sen. Ankney
01:38:32 Sen. Malek
01:39:16 Sen. Ankney
01:40:58 Sen. Malek
01:41:36 Sen. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:13 Sen. Ankney

Discussion

01:44:20 Sen. Ankney
Chair Brown

Committee Business

01:44:36 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:49 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts21aad.pdf](#))